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Mr. David Frohnmayer
Presidential Oversight Committee
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Dear Mr. Frohnmayer:


I am very concerned with the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) and its alleged anti-competitive practices. I am also concerned with the economic impacts the BCS has on all college athletics. Accordingly, I am considering holding hearings in the Joint Economic Committee that will examine these issues and the propriety of the BCS.

I understand that the Presidential Oversight Committee of the BCS is holding a meeting on September 8, 2003 with NCAA President Myles Brand and the presidents of several non-BCS conference schools to discuss the future of the BCS. I am encouraged that BCS and non-BCS schools are beginning a dialogue to address the inequality created by the BCS and I hope that progress can be made in developing a more fair post-season football system.

I write to request that the Presidential Oversight Committee of the BCS extend the courtesy of making available to the Joint Economic Committee the discussion and results of the September 8, 2003 meeting so that I can be better informed in making a decision regarding any potential hearings. While I am concerned with the BCS, I want to be sure that any Congressional action is appropriate and fully informed.

I look forward to your response to my request.

Sincerely,


Robert F. Bennett
United States Senator

cc: Dr. Marye Anne Fox, Presidential Oversight Committee

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